

RESPONSE

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 38, 40-43, and 46-62 were pending at the time of the Action, with claims 51-52 and 55-60 being withdrawn. The Action indicated that claims 61 and 62 are allowed. Accordingly, claims 38, 40-43, and 46-54 have been canceled. Previously withdrawn claims 58 and 60 have also been canceled. Canceled claims 47, 49-51, and 53-54 have been rewritten in the form of new claims 63-68 to depend from allowed claim 61. Withdrawn method claims 55-57 and 59 have been amended to include all of the elements of allowed claim 61. Applicant, therefore, requests the rejoinder and examination of claims 55-57 and 59.

B. The Claims Are Patentable Over Doucette-Stamm and Kimmerly

Claims 38, 40-43, 46-50, and 53-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over either Doucette-Stamm or Kimmerly. Claims 61 and 62 were found to be patentable over these references. As discussed above, the claims have been amended such that all claims now depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 61 or otherwise include all of the elements of claim 61. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are patentable over Doucette-Stamm and Kimmerly. Applicant, therefore, requests the withdrawal of these rejections.

C. Conclusion

Applicant believes this paper to be a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this case in view of the above comments and amendments. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicant's representative at (512) 536-5654.

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